## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION TOWN OF FAIRVIEW WATER SYSTEM MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE II

March 10, 2023

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of installing approximately 4,171 lineal feet of 6-inch PVC water main, including all associated valves, fire hydrants, fittings, service lines, service connections, and asphalt replacement. The proposed project will replace existing undersized cast iron pipe water mains primarily along the following streets:

- 2nd Street (between Pleasant Avenue and Central Avenue)
- 3rd Street (between Pleasant Avenue and Ellery Avenue)
- Pleasant Avenue (between 2nd Street and 4th Street)
- Dawson Avenue (between 4th Street and 5th Street)
- 5th Street (between Grand Avenue and Western Avenue)

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time-period specified in the planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated. The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at <a href="http://deq.mt.gov/public/publicnotice">http://deq.mt.gov/public/publicnotice</a> and at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund Loan Program 1520 East Sixth Avenue Helena, MT 59601

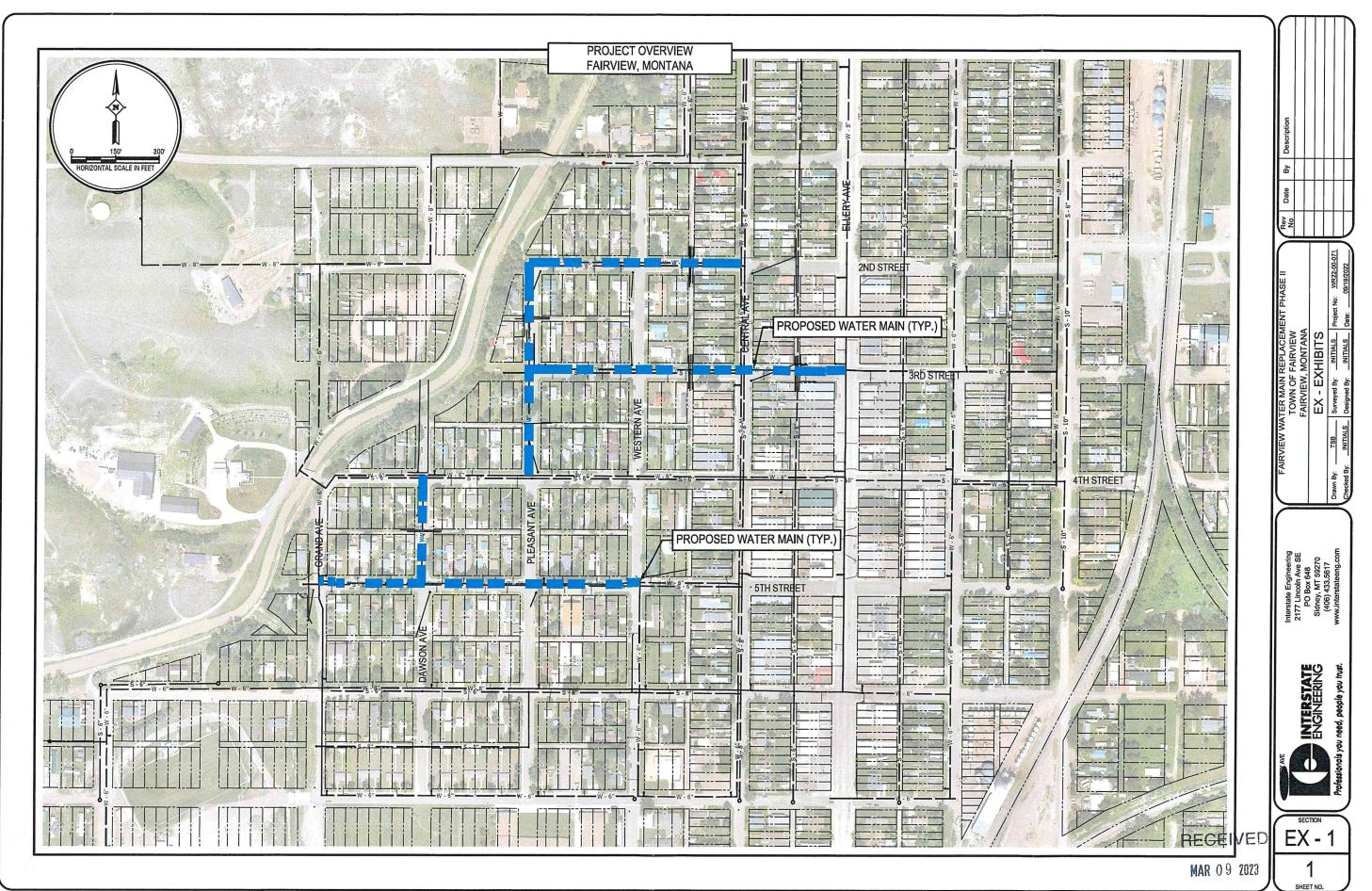
Town of Fairview P.O. Box 426 318 S. Central Avenue Fairview, MT 59221

Sincerely,

Sandie Koenig, PE, acting DWSRF Engineering Manager

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Montana Department of Environmental Quality



## CHAPTER IV - ATTACHMENT A DOCUMENTATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

Project Name / Brief Description: Town of Fairview Water Main Replacement-Phase II

Project Number: EQ 23-2223
Date: March 10, 2023
Preparer: Denver Fraser, PE
The Department action under Title 75, chapter 5, part 11 and or chapter 6, part 1 or 2, MCA, is excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) if the application for department review is for any of the following projects:
(a) Projects relating to existing infrastructure systems such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems that involve:  [Answer <u>yes</u> or <u>no</u> . If all answers " <u>no</u> ", an EA or EIS must be completed. If any answer is <u>yes</u> , skip to (b).]
1. minor upgrading; Yes No
2. minor expansion of system capacity; Yes No No
3. rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components;  Yes  No  No
<ol> <li>construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities; or         Yes  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  No  N</li></ol>
5. projects in unsewered communities involving the replacement existing on-site systems, provided that the new on-site systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharges or in loadings of pollutants from existing sources, and do not relocate existing discharges.  Yes No
(b) A categorical exclusion may <u>not</u> be granted for a department action if: [Answer <u>yes</u> or <u>no</u> . If all answers " <u>no</u> ", skip to (c). If any answer is <u>yes</u> , an EA or EIS must be completed.]
6. the action would authorize facilities that will provide a new discharge or relocate an existing discharge to ground or surface waters;  Yes No

(d) The department may revoke a categorical exclusion if: [Only complete the steps below 18 – 21 if revocation of a previously implem CATEX becomes necessary.]	iented
18. the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the facility plan, or a new or modified application is submitted;	
19. the proposed action no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion because of changes in the proposed action;	
20. new evidence demonstrates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or	
21. state, local, tribal, or federal laws may be violated.	
Denver Fraser, PE  STATE PREPARER	
Sandie Koenig, PE	
STATE REVIEWER	
March 09, 2023	
COMPLETION DATE	